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**TIME-AND EVENT-CONTROLLED
ACTIVATION SYSTEM FOR CHARGING AND
DISCHARGING PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENTS**

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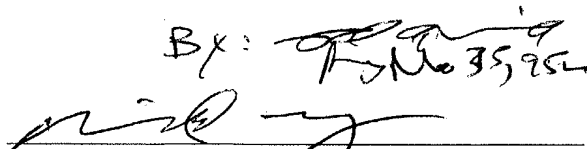
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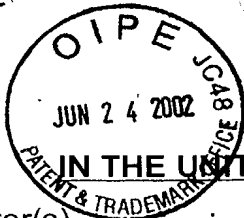
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AMENDMENT

S I R:

In response to the Office Action of January 7, 2002, kindly amend the
above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 18 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 14 to 16 without prejudice as follows:

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14. (Twice Amended) Method as according to claim 12, characterized in that
the charge or discharge switch (3, 5) of the system is switched from an OFF position
to an ON position or from the ON position to an OFF position, respectively to allow
or stop charging or discharging when an absolute value of the current is respectively
equal to or greater than or less than the event characteristic which is a predefined
limit threshold current.

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